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THE CHURCH FEDERATION TO CAMPAIGN

In An Effort to Unite the "Good Government" Forces, and it is Announced That

ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WARDS

Will Be Formed—The Federation Comes Out in Another Statement to the Public.

The weekly meeting of the Federation of Churches was held yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. building. The report of the executive committee was received and various matters of interest in the work of the Federation were discussed at length. A leaflet giving the votes of the city council on the Waterhouse resolution is published and will be distributed through the city. It gives the whole matter, with the vote and business of each councilman.

The report of the committee that waited on the mayor in regard to Sunday selling of intoxicating drinks was read and ordered to be given to the city papers for publication.

Speaking of the action taken at yesterday's meeting of the Federation, Rev. Samuel Schwarz said:

"The Federation has taken measures to unite the forces of this city in favor of good government. Heretofore no special effort has been made along this line. It was supposed that the present city officials would enforce the laws if asked to do so by a decent number of petitioners. Now it is felt that all those who favor better municipal government must be brought together on some line of action to secure this much desired end. There will be no effort made to bring all into the Federation, for that body is already large enough for its specific purpose, but an effort will be made to bring these forces together and to organize them in each ward to wage a continual warfare on lawlessness until the city shall be freed from the curse of no rule, or misrule."

The statement of the Federation referred to above, is as follows:

To the General Public.
It will be remembered that on February 8, a committee from the Federation of Churches waited on the mayor of the city with a "demand" that the saloons be closed on Sunday. Said demand was published in the daily papers of February 9. The mayor discussed the situation with the committee for over an hour. Though the papers sought to interview us as to the purport of the discussion, we refused to give out anything, preferring to let the mayor speak for himself, if he chose to do so.

The committee, however, reported the result of their conference with the mayor to the Federation as a body, and after waiting in vain for some public expression on his part, either in the papers or in his published message, the Federation of Churches herewith present to public attention the substance of our interview, and the position Mayor Sweeney takes in the matter.

First, he asserts that he is trying to give the city a "liberal" administration; that the Federation of Churches has made, and is still making, a great mistake in demanding the enforcement of the ordinances against the slot machines and the saloons; that we have hurt the reputation of our city; and that public sentiment is against us—that in all his conversation he has failed to find any persons in our favor. Now, we would commend this declaration to the consideration of the 1,115 citizens who signed our original petition to the mayor and chief of police, and to the thousands of church members who are voters. Is it a fact that we are without "any" supporters in our efforts for better government in Wheeling? What say the forty leading citizens who signed our petition to council? What say the majority in the first branch of council, who voted with the Federation, and in every test of twelve who stood with us in every test of the "yeas" and "nays" in the second branch? Is not the mayor's circle of friends, with whom he is accustomed to consult, somewhat limited?

Second, he gave us to understand that he is in favor of the open saloon on Sundays. In fact, he took great pains to emphasize this point, going so far as to claim that the cities of any considerable size now permitted Sunday opening; that it was far better to have open saloons than the "apeak-easies," which would inevitably follow Sunday closing. He cited Pittsburgh as a case where they have Sunday closing, and claimed that the situation there is now much worse than formerly; that there are "over four hundred speak-easies there," and that drunkenness prevails to an even greater degree than under the open saloon.

The Federation of Churches wrote to the mayor and chief of police of Pittsburgh, setting forth these assertions and declarations of Mayor Sweeney. In answer to the arraignment he makes we simply submit the following letters, received in answer to our letters:

Mayor's Letter.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 14, 1900.
Rev. R. R. Bigger, Wheeling, W. Va.:—
Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of the 8th instant, in reference to saloons and drunkenness in this city, will say that my observation has been that there is less drunkenness seen upon the streets of Pittsburgh since the saloons have been closed on Sunday than was the case when they were allowed to keep open any day. It is, moreover, a well known fact, noted by almost every visitor to the city, that fewer drunken people are seen upon Pittsburgh streets than in any other large city of the country on any day of the week. There are some speak-easies here, but they exist only in the lower quarters of the city, and are closed up promptly when discovered by the police.

The Brooks Liquor License law has wrought a decidedly beneficial change in the saloon traffic of this city, and no other city in the United States has a higher moral tone than Pittsburgh, not only on Sunday, but through the entire week. The saloon is no longer a power of any kind in politics here, whatever power it once possessed having been taken from it since the Brooks law went into operation in 1887. You can very safely deny any statement to the contrary from what I here write you.

Trusting that the information will prove satisfactory, I am,
Yours most respectfully,
W. J. DUFFEL,
Mayor.

Chief of Police's Letter.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 12, 1900.
Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter February 8, Pittsburgh never had what might be termed a licensed Sunday open saloon. Some years preceding the liquor license law the mayor of the city had their back doors open on Sunday, and that might be, in a sense, termed an open saloon. The Brooks high license law which came into force in 1887 or 1889 closed all licensed saloons on Sunday, so that I feel perfectly safe in saying that it would be practically impossible for any one to possess a drink of liquor in a licensed saloon in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

We have a few speak-easies here and there, but there is not one of them in the entire city, and for any one to assert that the city is in worse moral condition than when we had the open back door, he is stating an untruth and a libel on the city of Pittsburgh.

The best evidence, outside of a personal

investigation and interview with those who would make an honest statement is the fact that prior to high license, and when the back door was open, the Monday morning police hearings were the largest of any during the week, and that entirely owing to the fact that there was so much drunkenness and disorder during the Sabbath and Sabbath night as to necessitate filling the police stations with that class of offenders. The reverse is the condition now. Our Monday morning hearings are the smallest in point of numbers that we have during the week, and drunkenness and disorder are rare indeed, and I feel perfectly safe in saying that there is not another city in the United States where there is as peaceable, quiet and law-abiding a Sabbath as we have.

Yours truly,
A. R. LESLIE,
Superintendent, Bureau of Police.

Rev. R. R. Bigger, Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W. Va.

Third, finally, when our committee called Mayor Sweeney's attention to the fact that, as mayor, he is the chief executive officer of the city, and that we must look to him for as to the maintenance of the ordinance, he dodged the whole question by disclaiming any authority in the matter; that the mayor had no power over the police department, except in times of riot; that should he issue a proclamation, as we requested, ordering all saloons to close on Sunday, he could not enforce that proclamation; that, in short, he is only a police judge, and the office of mayor meant little more than that except in riotous times. When we asked him to tell us, then, who is in authority here, and where the executive head was, he actually could not say, and so confessed.

Now, we submit for public consideration the question, is the office of mayor in Wheeling a mere nonentity in law, or is the present occupant trying to dodge this important issue? The mayor says he has no executive authority except in cases of riot; the chief of police claims that he can proceed only on the warrants of private citizens; many members of council deprecate the action we brought in this question before them. That, in fact, it does not belong there. Thus we are handed from one to another in search of the city's executive head, but nowhere can we find such a personage.

Citizens of Wheeling, is it not high time that this city had a responsible head—one who, when he takes an oath to "enforce obedience to all the municipal laws and regulations" of the city, will not dodge behind the plea that he has "no authority"? If the office of mayor, as it now exists, has no executive authority invested in it, let us change the laws and give it such legal standing speedily. If, on the other hand, full executive power already inheres in the office, as we fully believe it does, then let us see to it that a man fills it who will do his sworn duty.

Signed by order of the Federation of Churches,

J. L. SOOY,

R. R. BIGGER,

ARCHIBALD MOORE,

Committee that waited on the mayor.

PAYS MILLIONS

To Talk Health to the Public.

A short time ago the advertising manager of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., at Battle Creek, Mich., furnished this paper with a statement, as follows: "We receive in some single months 1,200 to 1,500 letters from people explaining their experience with coffee drinking, which would interest any physician or any person making the science of health a study, (and that is really a very important subject for every one). Many of these letters give the details of how the writer, having been ill for months, and in some cases for years, without discovering the cause of illness, has finally been led to suspect that coffee (which is a drug) has been the cause, and in order to prove for their own satisfaction, have abandoned coffee and taken up Postum Cereal Coffee, with remarkable results in many cases."

The most common ailments from coffee are headache, general nervous prostration and stomach trouble. Many times a bloated complexion is the result, and a very large number speak of serious kidney troubles that have been set up, which disappear when coffee is left off and Postum Food Coffee taken in its place, but the range of disorders to the human system is very wide, and directly points to the effect of coffee on the nervous system, which locates in some one or more of the different organs of the body.

It is plainly evident that any person suffering with lung trouble, catarrh, heart trouble, bowel complaint, pain in the back of the head or at the top of the spinal column, female troubles and a wide range of difficulties will be surely and permanently helped if coffee is left out of the diet, and Postum Food Coffee taken up. The reason is as clearly marked out as any plain conclusion that the mind can reach, and is absolutely proven by personal test. Coffee is a distinct poison, to many people, often slow and insidious, but sure. Leaving it off will remove the cause of the trouble, and on the other hand, if Postum Food Coffee is taken up, the natural elements which exist in it, and which are selected from the grains of the field intended by Nature for rebuilding the nervous system will make themselves known in increased strength, vitality and health.

We feel that we have a clear right to tell these facts over and over again to the public, and to ask them "to make trial for themselves, in order to prove the truth of our statements." The subject is worth the attention of every one interested in physical and mental health.

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In Clerk Robertson's Office.

In Clerk Robertson's office yesterday, the following realty transfers were recorded:

Deed dated November 7, 1899, from the James T. Caldwell heirs to Joanna Brennan; transfers parts of lots 65 and 66, division F, of the Joseph Caldwell estate, South McCulloch street; consideration, \$500.

Deed dated February 17, 1900, from Richard Robertson to Miss Helen V. Robertson, east half of lot No. 43, East Wheeling addition; consideration, \$1.

Deed dated February 15, 1900, from August A. Kargess to John Flaherty, lot No. 15, Scheehle & Lutz sub-division, McCulloch street, East End; consideration, \$950.

August Pracht was appointed administrator of the Christiana Schmidt estate; bond, \$100.

Otho Bowman and Samuel McCarthy were appointed administrators of the Mary A. Bowman estate; bond, \$300.

John Brannen qualified as executor of the John Brannen estate; bond, \$3,000.

Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the George R. Taylor Company, the following directors were elected: George R. Taylor, George E. Johns, George A. Truschel, E. A. Dufrene and C. M. Prissell. The board organized by electing George A. Truschel, president and treasurer; George E. Johns, manager, and E. A. Dufrene, secretary.

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The Finest Collection of Art Exhibits
Ever Gathered Under One Roof in
West Virginia, Embracing the
Offerings of Prominent Wheeling
Homes—This Elaborate Affair to
Continue All This Week.

With a magnificent array of exhibits appealing to the better tastes of the community, added to the worthy cause, the Loan Exhibition started on its week's journey yesterday afternoon. The wheels were set in motion at 4 o'clock, without any formal ceremonies. The opening night crowd was not large, but it was considered satisfactory, and now that it is fairly started the exhibition should meet with the patronage it merits. The entire first floor of the Hawley block, at the corner of Main and Tenth streets, is given over to the affair, and the location is a splendid one.

Yards of type could be devoted to detailing the beauties of this unique and instructive exhibition, for it combines curios and curiosities that seldom are gathered in a similar array, and the whole exhibit is a distinct compliment to the taste and culture pervading Wheeling homes, whence the collections have come. Historical associations cluster about the family heirlooms, the battle flags, the antique pottery, the quaint, old-fashioned china, the daguerotypes, gowns and letters; while singularly rare and beautiful are the paintings, bronzes and needle work. The antiquarian's paradise might fittingly designate the section given over to the old books and curios, which part of the building also embrace old coins and various attractive features of other climes and ages.

The art gallery, of itself, is a revelation of the paintings possessed in this community, and were there no other attractions, it would be worth the price of admission, and double that same is far from an exaggerated estimate. Sight-seeing is always fatiguing, hence the visitor will be taxed to drink in all the beauties of the art gallery on one visit. Nothing like it has ever been seen in Wheeling. There are about 350 subjects hanging on the four walls, in oils, water colors, pastel and mosaics, with an appropriate background, and given an artistic relief by many choice pieces of bronze statuary. The leading exhibitor is Mr. O. C. Dewey, a connoisseur whose judgment of the best in art is generally recognized, and much of the credit for the success of this feature is due to the generous and untiring interest he has displayed.

Treasures of Art.

One of the many striking paintings is an Italian bedroom scene, No. 49 in the Loan Exhibition's catalogue. It is the work of Cherici, an Italian artist, and the theme includes his wife and child. The mother is in the act of remonstrating with her child, and the surroundings are marked with wonderful detail. The lights and shadows on the bedclothes, the dust and veneering on the dresser, the nail hole in the wall, the outlined shade where formerly a picture hung, and the marvelous imitation of an engraving on the wall—these are but a few of the delicate and realistic effects that go to make the picture a valuable one. It is owned by Mr. Dewey and naturally is prized highly.

Just a few others might be noted—although nearly all are worthy of extended mention, but space forbids. "A Holland Team," affording a charming glimpse of pastoral life in Holland and characteristic of the impressionist school; "A Bit of Old England," and "A Brook in the Catskills," are two other dainty scenes.

Another section that appeals with like force is the relic and curio department. Here are shown a lock of George Washington's hair, a brooch that belonged to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, Indian relics, old fashioned hair combs, and "other articles too numerous to mention." Suspended over one of the glass cases containing curiosities, is a deer horn, handsomely mounted, and said to be the largest extant. Its owner is Dr. Frank Hupp. Probably as unique as any article in the vast display is a Colorado scene in colors, that at first glance might be taken for a painting.

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Market Street.

This exhibit, which is owned by Mrs. Mollie Hoar, of Pleasant Valley, represents an enormous amount of application, for the scene is done in vari-colored ores, depicting with minute exactness the trees, mountains and water stretch that form the usual landscape.

The Decorations.

The pottery and needle work departments claim enthusiastic appreciation, and richness of decoration characterizes the Japanese pagoda and smokers' retreat, the two leisure-offering spots on the immense floor space. The general decorations are harmonious and tasteful and represent many days of work by the committees. The lunch room, conducted in connection, bids fair to be a paying venture, and meals will be served all week. The ladies desire it announced that entrance to this department may be had on Tenth street, independent of the main door on Main street, which opens into the fair proper. A rare chance is offered to those desiring to acquire valuable paintings, several of them being for sale, and Judge Cranmer, who is one of the leading spirits in the curio department, is authorized by the owner, a New Orleans lady, to sell three volumes of a "History of the Tribes of the Indians of North America," which were so greatly admired last night for \$150, half to go to the exhibition.

A squad of special officers patrol the building to guard against theft of the exhibits, and remain on duty at night after the doors close. One of Chief Cline's fire ladders and several convenient fire extinguishers offer fire protection if needed. The arrangements throughout are very systematic, and the City Hospital, in whose benefit the affair is given, should be the recipient of a tidy balance at the close of what is certainly the most elaborate event of this nature ever given in West Virginia.

Died at Weston.

Joseph Coleman, who was sent to the asylum at Weston two years ago, died at that institution last Saturday. Mr. Coleman, previous to his confinement at the asylum was well and favorably known on the South Side. He is survived by a wife and four unmarried children. The funeral will take place from the family residence at the corner of Thirty-ninth and Wood streets, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Joseph Mullen, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, will have charge of the funeral obsequies. Interment will take place at Mt. Calvary.

Hearing To-day.

The case of Henry and Della Custer, who were arrested on a warrant sworn out by the Humane society, will come up in Justice Fitzpatrick's court this morning at 10 o'clock. They are charged with beating, assaulting and torturing Sophia Entlinger, a young girl who is in their charge. A long list of witnesses will be examined.

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DIED.

FEITZ—On Sunday, February 18, 1900, at 1:30 p. m., CLARA M., eldest daughter of Christian and Mina Feitz, aged 23 years and 81 days.

Funeral services at residence of parents, Reymann farm, Chapline Hill, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

ASBURY—On Monday, February 19, 1900, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., MARY ASBURY, in her 78th year.

Funeral notice hereafter.
PALMER—At the family residence, Mochen, on Monday, February 20, 1900, at 5:45 o'clock p. m., ELIZA J., wife of Andrew D. Palmer, in her 68th year. Funeral notice hereafter.

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